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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Carl I. Brundidge on March 21, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 33, line 6, "a number" has been changed to -- two separate numbers --;

line 8, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 16, "the number" has been changed to -- each separate number --.

Claim 34, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 5, "said d number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 37, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 5, "said d number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 38, line 2, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --.

Claim 39, line 7, "a number" has been changed to -- two separate numbers --;

line 9, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 15, "said number" has been changed to -- each separate number --.

Claim 40, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 5, "said number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 43, line 4, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

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line 5, "said number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

Claim 44, line 4, "a number" has been changed to -- two separate numbers --;

line 6, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

line 11, "the number" has been changed to -- each separate number --.

Claim 45, line 3, "the number" has been changed to -- the two separate numbers --;

lines 4-5, "said number" has been changed to -- said two separate numbers --.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571)272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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